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COMMAND HISTORY USS ELMER MONTGOMERY (FF 1082)

1 January 1978 - 31 December 1978

1. Commanding Officer: Commander Jimmy H. McCoy, USN, (b) (6)

2. Chronology of events for 1978.

DATE	EVENT
1 JAN - 10 APR	Underwent Regular Overhaul at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.
3 - 5 APR	Sea Trials off the coast of New Jersey.
11 APR	Enroute to Earle, NJ.
12 APR	Load ammo at Earle, NJ.
13 - 14 APR	Enroute to Mayport, Florida; designated new homeport.
15 - 30 APR	Inport Mayport.
1 - 5 MAY	Underway, independent steaming exercises at Jacksonville operations area.
6 - 21 MAY	Inport Mayport, preparing for upcoming Refresher Training, inport part of GUN/MSL SQT.
22 - 26 MAY	Underway, independent steaming at Jacksonville operation area, Gunfire exercises for GUN/MSL SQT.
27 MAY - 8 JUN	Inport Mayport, completed GUN/MSL SQT, final preparations for Weapons Systems' Accuracy Test (WSAT).
9 - 12 JUN	Underway for Roosevelt Roads, PR for WSAT.
13 - 15 JUN	Inport Roosevelt Roads, PR., Conducted inport part of WSAT.
16 JUN	Enroute St. Croix.
17 - 21 JUN	Inport St. Croix. Underway during day for underway portion of WSAT. Inport in evenings.
22 JUN	Enroute to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
23 JUN - 28 JUL	Inport Guantanamo Bay, Cuba with numerous mornings and afternoons spent underway for various exercises.
29 JUL	Enroute to Roosevelt Roads, PR.
30 JUL - 1 AUG	Inport Roosevelt Roads, PR. Completed OPPE (ADO)
2 - 3 AUG	Underway off Vieques Island for Naval Gunfire Support.
4 - 5 AUG	Enroute to Mayport, Florida.
6 - 21 AUG	Inport Mayport, Florida, IMAV, pre-deployment preparations.
7 - 9 AUG	Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Team aboard for preparation of NWAI.
15 - 16 AUG	Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (Nwai).
18 AUG	Load Weapons, inport Mayport.
22 AUG	Deployed for North Atlantic to participate in NATO exercise "Northern Wedding."
22 AUG - 19 SEP	Underway participating in Northern Wedding exercises.
20 - 24 SEP	Port visit, Goteborg, Sweden.
25 - 26 SEPT	Enroute Bremerhaven, West Germany.
27 SEP - 2 OCT	Port visit, Bremerhaven, West Germany.
2 OCT	Enroute DenHelder, Netherlands.
3 - 5 OCT	Port visit DenHelder, Netherlands.
5 OCT	Enroute Hull, United Kingdom.
6 - 10 OCT	Port visit, Hull, United Kingdom.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
10 OCT	Enroute Dunkerque, France.
11 - 16 OCT	Port visit, Dunkerque, France.
17 - 29 OCT	Enroute Mayport, Florida.
30 OCT - 6 NOV	Inport Mayport, Florida.
7 - 8 NOV	Underway, independent steaming exercises, Jacksonville operation area.
9 NOV - 31 DEC	Inport Mayport, Florida.
9 - 12 NOV	Pre-Insurv.
4 - 8 DEC	Harpoon Certification.
11 - 31 DEC	Commence IMAV, Holiday upkeep period.

3. Narrative - Summary of events for 1978.

New Year's day found the officers and men of ELMER MONTGOMERY completing the Christmas leave period and in the middle of a regular overhaul at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. The overhaul was completed on 10 April, 42 days early, and included sea trials from 3-5 April. Upon leaving the shipyard on 11 April, ELMER MONTGOMERY sailed to Earle, New Jersey for ammunition onload.

Upon completion of ammo onload on 13 April, the ship transited to her new homeport, Mayport, Florida, arriving there on 15 April. The ship spent the remainder of April inport.

From 1-5 May, ELMER MONTGOMERY participated in independent steaming exercises in the Jacksonville operating area, followed by an inport period at Mayport through 8 June. During this time, the officers and crew prepared for refresher training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and other associated inspections. From 15 May - 5 June, ELMER MONTGOMERY completed the Gunnery-Missile SQT and was underway on 9 June for Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. While inport there, final preparations for the Weapon's Systems Accuracy Test (WSAT) were completed.

Departing Puerto Rico on 16 June, ELMER MONTGOMERY steamed toward the Virgin Island of St. Croix where she successfully completed the WSAT.

On 21 June the ship departed St. Croix for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to begin five weeks of refresher training from 23 June-28 July. All battle situations, normal operating procedures, and special details/evolutions were reviewed throughout the refresher training period. The five weeks were characterized by long, busy days and high temperatures; the ship left Guantanamo Bay as a well tuned team. The significant evolution was the Operating Plant Propulsion Exam (OPPE) which began two days after refresher training; the OPPE was successfully completed at Roosevelt Roads on 30-31 July followed by a short transit to Vieques Island. On 2-3 August, ELMER MONTGOMERY successfully qualified on the Naval Gunfire Support Range there.

Arriving at Mayport on 6 August, ELMER MONTGOMERY had just 15 days to prepare for the upcoming North Atlantic NATO exercise. While inport, not only were all preparations for the North Atlantic cruise made, but an IMAV was

completed and on 15 - 17 August, a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (Nwai) was completed. After the two weeks of preparations, the ship departed for the North Atlantic to participate in the NATO exercise "Norther Wedding." During the exercise, ELMER MONTGOMERY was used extensively as an anti-submarine platform. Wartime transit situations were imposed and the opportunity for additional training was provided; a major event was the transit of the English channel. The ship was underway from 22 August until 20 September, when the first port visit to Goteborg, Sweden began. The port visit from 20 - 25 September was enjoyed by all hands; the American Counsel General, the Swedish Navy and the visiting British Navy combatants hosted parties for the wardroom; the city of Goteborg proved to be a very hospitable port. The ship departed Goteborg the afternoon of the 25th and began the transit to the next scheduled port: Bremerhaven, Federal Republic of Germany. From 27 September - 2 October the Bremerhaven port visit included soccer and basketball games with local German teams, parties sponsored by the German Navy, and public visiting aboard ship. The next port visit was from 3 - 5 October at DenHelder, Netherlands. Although short, all hands enjoyed two beautiful cities: Rotterdam and Amsterdam. The fourth port visit was made to Hull, United Kingdom from 6 - 10 October where the British hospitality was overwhelming. The crew took advantage of the excellent railway system in England to travel to various towns and cities including Dover, York and London. Tours to local towns and factories around Hull were also arranged and were very interesting. The crowds were large during the open ship hours. On 10 October, ELMER MONTGOMERY departed Hull, headed for Dunkerque, France. Her visit to Dunkerque was the first U. S. warship in that port since 1953. The ELMER MONTGOMERY basketball team was hosted by the Dunkerque French National team, a semi-professional team. Lots of fun was had despite the 110 to 75 defeat for the ship's team. Again, an excellent national train system provided transportation to various French cities with the highlight being Paris. On 17 October, ELMER MONTGOMERY completed this last port visit and steamed westward toward Mayport. On 30 October, the ship arrived in Mayport. She had successfully completed a very demanding schedule. ELMER MONTGOMERY was inport until 6 November and underway on the 7th and 8th for final Inspections and Survey Board inspection preparations. The INSURV was held from 15 - 17 November and ELMER MONTGOMERY was given special recognition by Commander, Naval Surface Force, Atlantic for outstanding results. Finally, the myriad of intense inspections and training was over; ELMER MONTGOMERY has proved herself to be the outstanding naval ship she is. The remainder of the year was spent inport Mayport. From 4 - 8 December, the Harpoon Certification was completed, and beginning 11 December, and continuing into the New Year, an IMAV and holiday upkeep period were simultaneously in progress.



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COMDESRON TWELVE

1 JANUARY 1979 - 31 DECEMBER 1979

1. Commanding Officer: Commander Jimmy H. MCCOY, USN, 1110 (through 19 JAN); Commander Thomas H. MILLER, USN, 1110. (b)(6)

2. Chronology of events for 1979.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1-7 JAN	INPORT MAYPORT, FLORIDA.
8-10 JAN	UNDERWAY FOR INDEPENDENT STEAMING, JACKSONVILLE OPERATIONS AREA.
11-12 JAN	AMMO OFFLOAD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, CHARLESTON, S. C.
12-13 JAN	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO MAYPORT, FLORIDA.
13-21 JAN	INPORT MAYPORT, FLORIDA.
19 JAN	CHANGE OF COMMAND
22 JAN - 2 FEB	DRYDOCK, JACKSONVILLE SHIPYARD INC., JACKSONVILLE, FL.
2-3 FEB	ENROUTE TO NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, CHARLESTON, S.C.
4-5 FEB	AMMO ONLOAD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, CHARLESTON, S.C.
6-7 FEB	ENROUTE TO AUTEC RANGE, BAHAMA ISLANDS.
8-9 FEB	CONDUCTED MINI-WAR AT THE BAHAMA AUTEC RANGE.
10-13 FEB	PORT VISIT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA.
14 FEB	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO MAYPORT, FL.
15-21 FEB	INPORT MAYPORT, FL.
21-24 FEB	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO NEW YORK CITY.
24-26 FEB	PORT VISIT, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.
26 FEB - 1 MAR	UNDERWAY FOR SUBMARINE SERVICES OFF OF NARRAGANSETT BAY, RHODE ISLAND.
2-3 MAR	INPORT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.
4 MAR	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO BLOODSWORTH ISLAND, NGFS RANGE.
5-9 MAR	NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT, BLOODSWORTH ISLAND.
9 MAR	ENROUTE TO NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, YORKTOWN, VA.
10-11 MAR	AMMO OFFLOAD. NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, YORKTOWN, VA.
12 MAR	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO MAYPORT, FL.
13-14 MAR	INPORT MAYPORT, FL.
14-19 MAR	DRYDOCK JACKSONVILLE SHIPYARD INC., JACKSONVILLE, FL.
19 MAR - 8 APR	INPORT MAYPORT, FLORIDA FOR TENDER AVAILABILITY.
9 APR	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, CHARLESTON, S. C.
10-11 APR	AMMO ONLOAD AT NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, CHARLESTON, S.C.
11 APR	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO MAYPORT, FL.
12-17 APR	INPORT MAYPORT, FLORIDA. COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT.
15 APR	EMBARK HELICOPTER ANTI SUBMARINE SQUADRON THREE SIX, DETACHMENT FIVE.
18-19 APR	UNDERWAY FOR DEPLOYMENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST FORCE (MIDEASTFOR)
20 APR	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL IN BERMUDA.
21-24 APR	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO PONTA DELGADO, AZORES.
25 APR	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL AT PONTA DELGADO, AZORES.

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26-27 APR	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO ROTA, SPAIN.
28 APR	BRIEF STOP FOR PERSONNEL ROTA, SPAIN. UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO MALAGA, SPAIN.
29 APR - 1 MAY	PORT VISIT MALAGA, SPAIN.
1-5 MAY	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO PORT SAID, EGYPT FOR SUEZ CANAL TRANSIT.
6 MAY	UNDERWAY. SUEZ CANAL TRANSIT. INCHOP TO COMIDEASTFOR
7 MAY	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO AQABA, JORDAN.
8-9 MAY	ANCHORED AT AQABA, JORDAN. TURNOVER WITH USS TALBOT (FFG-4).
10-11 MAY	UNDERWAY. RED SEA TRANSIT. ENROUTE TO JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA.
12 MAY	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL: JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA. EMBARK COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE.
13-15 MAY	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO DJIBOUTI.
16 MAY	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL, DJIBOUTI. DEBARK COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE.
17-21 MAY	UNDERWAY. GULF OF ADEN TRANSIT TO PERSIAN GULF.
22 MAY	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL SITRAH, BAHRAIN.
23-26 MAY	PORT VISIT JUBAIL, SAUDI ARABIA.
27 MAY	BRIEF STOP FOR PERSONNEL TRANSFER, SITRAH, BAHRAIN.
28 MAY	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL SITRAH, BAHRAIN.
29 MAR - 2 JUN	ANCHORED MODLOC PEARL.
3 JUN	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL SITRAH, BAHRAIN.
4 JUN	ANCHORED MODLOC PEARL.
5 JUN	UNDERWAY FOR PASSEX WITH ROYAL SAUDI NAVY.
6 JUN	ANCHORED AT MODLOC PEARL.
7-11 JUN	UNDERWAY. PATROL IN STRAITS OF HORMUZ.
12 JUN	INPORT BAHRAIN.
13 JUN	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO MODLOC OYSTER.
14-16 JUN	ANCHORED AT MODLOC OYSTER.
17 JUN	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO BAHRAIN.
18-19 JUN	PORT VISIT, BAHRAIN.
20 JUN	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO MODLOC OYSTER.
21 JUN	ANCHORED AT MODLOC OYSTER.
22 JUN	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO BAHRAIN.
23 JUN - 4 JUL	INPORT BAHRAIN FOR MID-DEPLOYMENT UPKEEP.
25 JUN	CHANGE OF COMMAND FOR COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE.
5-9 JUL	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO KUWAIT.
10-11 JUL	ANCHORED OFF KUWAIT.
12 JUL	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO BAHRAIN.
13 JUL	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL SITRAH, BAHRAIN.
14 JUL	EMBARK COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE.
14-15 JUL	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO MUSCAT, OMAN.
16-18 JUL	PORT VISIT MUSCAT, OMAN.
19-21 JUL	UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO DJIBOUTI.

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COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

The first of the year found the officers and men of ELMER MONTGOMERY in port, having just finished up a successful tender availability, and making preparations to get underway for independent steaming. On 19 January, CDR Thomas H. MILLER, USN, relieved CDR Jimmy H. MCCOY, USN, as Commanding Officer in ceremonies aboard. ELMER MONTGOMERY was underway shortly thereafter and upon off loading weapons at Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, South Carolina, she went into drydock at Jacksonville Shipyards Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, for corrective maintenance to the rudder post seal. Upon completion of repairs, the ship proceeded again to Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, South Carolina to onload weapons. She then transited to the Autec Range, Bahama Islands to conduct a Mini-war exercise 8 and 9 February.

After a successful exercise the crew enjoyed four days of liberty at Fort Lauderdale, Florida from 10 - 13 February. Later that month MONTGOMERY made a port visit to New York City, 24 - 26 February, before getting underway to participate in submarine services off the coast of Narragansett Bay, R.I., 26 February through 1 March.

ELMER MONTGOMERY then made her way to the Naval Gunfire Support Range at Bloodsworth Island; during 5 - 9 March, she participated in gunfire qualifications. Heavy fog and sound focusing caused endless delays, however on 8 March, MONTGOMERY finished her qualifications successfully. She then transited to the Naval Weapons Station at Yorktown, Virginia to offload weapons again, prior to going into drydock at Jacksonville Shipyard Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 14 - 19 March, for repair of the rudder post seal.

From 19 March to 8 April, ELMER MONTGOMERY underwent an extremely successful pre-deployment tender availability period in homeport. She onloaded weapons at Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, South Carolina 10 - 11 April and returned to homeport. On 15 April HSL 36 DET FIVE embarked. On 18 April, having completed extensive preparations for overseas deployment, she got underway for the Middle East. After two brief stops for fuel (Bermuda, Ponta Delgado Azores) and a brief stop for personnel (Rota, Spain), MONTGOMERY made her first port visit at Malaga, Spain 29 April - 1 May. ELMER MONTGOMERY transited the Suez Canal 6 May and inchooped to Commander Middle East Force. After a brief turnover at Aquaba Jordan with USS TALBOT (FFG-4), she made her way to Jiddah, Saudi Arabia for a brief stop for fuel, (BSF). At Jiddah, Commander Middle East Force embarked for a period of two days. He debarked during a BSF at Djibouti.

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On 23 May, ELMER MONTGOMERY became the first American man of war to pull into the new naval facilities at Jubail, Saudi Arabia. On hand to greet the fast frigate as she pulled in were the Chief of Naval Material and the Captain of the Royal Saudi Navy.

Most of MONTGOMERY's time afterwards was spent anchored at various locations to conduct surveillance operations, and brief inport stops at Bahrain for fuel, mail and supplies. From 23 June - 4 July ELMER MONTGOMERY moored at Bahrain for an intensive mid-deployment upkeep period. Additionally, on 25 June RADM CHEWNING, USN, relieved RADM PACKER, USN, as Commander Middle East Force. Ceremonies aboard accommodated several visiting dignitaries from many Persian Gulf nations.

After sitting out a sand storm at anchor off the coast of Kuwait for two days, ELMER MONTGOMERY returned to Bahrain where Commander Middle East Force embarked 14 July for a period of about six weeks. She made a port visit to Muscat, Oman where several British and Omani distinguished visitors paid official calls upon the ship. ELMER MONTGOMERY's next port visit, after a BSF at Djibouti was Mombassa, Kenya. Many crew members took advantage of the many tours to TSAVO NATIONAL PARK to see African game preserves. ELMER MONTGOMERY returned to Djibouti to conduct joint exercises with French Navy units and for a port call 14 - 16 August. She turned over to USS AYLWIN and USS JULIUS A FURER 21 - 22 August at Jidda, Saudi Arabia. Additionally Commander Middle East Force debarked at Jidda having had his flag embarked for about six weeks. She transited the Suez Canal 25 August in company with USS SAMPSON (DDG 10) and USS BARRY (DD 933). After an enjoyable port visit to Palma, Mallorca 30 August - 1 September the officers and crew began their trek home. She arrived at Mayport Florida 13 September and went into a period of post deployment leave and upkeep. HSL 36 DET FIVE debarked 12 September.

Successfully participating in the SHAREM 34 exercise at the Autec range 5 - 6 December, ELMER MONTGOMERY then proceeded to Nassau for a two day port visit. After transiting to the Naval Weapons Station at Charleston, South Carolina, she once again off loaded weapons for a drydocking period in preparation for a Selected Restricted Availability at Mayport, Florida. On 14 December MONTGOMERY drydocked at Jacksonville Shipyard Inc., Jacksonville, Florida for repairs to her fin stabilizers, and main circulating pump, and for several ship alterations. Having completed an extremely successful year in which all commitments were met and assigned responsibilities fulfilled, ELMER MONTGOMERY then enjoyed a generous holiday leave period.

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1. Commanding Officer: Commander Thomas H. MILLER, USN,
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2. Chronology of events for 1980.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01-03 JAN 80	Drydock, Jacksonville Shipyard Inc., Jacksonville, Fl.
04-15 JAN 80	Holiday leave; Inport Mayport.
15 JAN - 01 MAR 80	Selected Restricted Availability; Inport Mayport.
02-03 MAR 80	Upkeep; Inport Mayport.
04 MAR 80	Underway; Enroute U. S. Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, S. C.
05-06 MAR 80	Onload weapons.
06-07 MAR 80	Underway; Enroute Mayport, Fl.
08-24 MAR 80	Upkeep; Inport Mayport, Fl.
24-28 MAR 80	Local Ops; Jacksonville Operating Area.
28-31 MAR 80	Upkeep; Inport Mayport.
31 MAR 80	Underway; Enroute Autec Site No. 1.
01-07 APR 80	Anti-Submarine Warfare Operations; Autec Site No.1.
07 APR 80	Underway; Enroute Mayport, Fl.
08 - 12 APR 80	Inport Mayport. Emergency repairs to Mount 51.
12-15 APR 80	Underway; Enroute Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
15 APR 80	Arrive Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
16 APR 80	Naval Gunfire Support Qualification at Vieques; Enroute Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
17-19 APR 80	Port Visit: Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
19-20 APR 80	Underway; Enroute St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Port Visit: St. Thomas, V. I.
21-23 APR 80	ISE; Puerto Rico Operating area.
24 APR 80	Underway; Enroute Roosevelt Roads, Puerto, Rico. Arrive Roosevelt Roads. Underway; Enroute St. Thomas, V. I. Arrive St. Thomas V.I. Underway; Enroute Puerto Puerto Rico Operating area.
23-25 APR 80	Enroute Mayport, Fl.
25 APR - 05 JUN 80	Upkeep; Inport Mayport.
27 APR - 26 MAY 80	Intermediate Maintenance Availability.
05-16 JUN 80	Underway; COMPTUEX 4-80.
17 JUN - 13 JUL 80	Pre-overseas movement preparation; Inport Mayport.
11 JUL 80	Embark HELANTISUBRON LIGHT THREE SIX DET FIVE.
14 JUL 80	Underway; Deploy to Mediterranean
16 JUL 80	Report for duty to COMDESRON 20.
14-31 JUL 80	Transit; Enroute Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy.
24 JUL 80	Inchop Sixth Fleet.
24-28 JUL 80	Multiplex 4-80.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
31 JUL 80	Training Anchorage: Cagliari, Sardinia
01-04 AUG 80	Port visit: Naples, Italy. Inchop briefings.
05 AUG 80	Underway; Join TF 60.
07-10 AUG 80	Roadstand Operations.
11 AUG 80	Enroute Gibraltar.
12-18 AUG 80	Port visit: Gibraltar.
19-21 AUG 80	Underway; Enroute La Spezia, Italy.
22 AUG-01 SEP 80	Tender Availability/Port visit La Spezia, Italy.
02 SEP 80	Underway; Enroute Taormina, Sicily.
03-07 SEP 80	Ready Duty Destroyer/Port visit: Taormina, Sicily.
08 SEP 80	Underway; Enroute Tunis, Tunisia.
09-14 SEP 80	Port visit: Tunis, Tunisia.
15 SEP 80	Training Anchorage: Aususta Bay, Sicily.
15-22 SEP 80	Fleet Exercise: National Week XXIX.
23 SEP 80	Training Anchorage: Augusta Bay, Sicily.
23-26 SEP 80	Enroute Palma Mallorca, Spain
27 SEP-02 OCT 80	Port visit: Palma Mallorca, Spain
03-14 OCT 80	Fleet Exercise: Display Determination 80.
11-13 OCT 80	Special Ops - Libyan coast.
13-14 OCT 80	Enroute Ibiza, Spain.
15-21 OCT 80	Port visit: Ibiza, Spain.
21 OCT 80	Underway; enroute Barcelona, Spain.
22 OCT - 01 NOV 80	Port visit: Barcelona, Spain.
02 NOV 80	Underway; enroute Cartagena, Spain.
03-09 NOV 80	Port visit: Cartagena, Spain.
10-14 NOV 80	Underway; local operations with USS J. F. KENNEDY.
15-22 NOV 80	Port visit: Palma Mallorca, Spain.
23-26 NOV 80	Underway; enroute Naval Station, Rota, Spain.
27-29 NOV 80	Port visit: Rota, Spain.
30 NOV 80	Outchop Commander Sixth Fleet.
30 NOV-11 DEC 80	Underway; Transit; Enroute Naval Station, Mayport, Fl.
9 DEC 80	Detach from COMDESRON 20.
11-31 DEC 80	Holiday leave/upkeep; Inport Mayport.
11 DEC 80	Debark HELANTISUBRON LIGHT THREE SIX DET FIVE.

NARRATIVE

(U) During calendar year 1980, Elmer Montgomery conducted a number of various exercises and evolutions. At the beginning of the year, the ship rested on keel blocks in drydock at Jacksonville Shipyards Inc., Jacksonville, Fl., undergoing repairs to the main circulating pump flapper valve, gyro fin stabilizers, and other equipment.

(U) On 15 January, Elmer Montgomery commenced a Selected Restricted Availability at Mayport. She became the first ship homeported in Mayport to undergo an SRA. All concerned worked with superior coordination to effect a successful availability. Because of the limited facilities available to Mayport based units as compared to those facilities available

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to Charleston or Norfolk based ships, the SRA took on considerable importance to determine whether or not Mayport units could receive as complete and qualitative a work package as other fleet units based in Norfolk or Charleston. Upon completion of the SRA, Elmer Montgomery unloaded weapons at Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, S.C. Towards the end of March, Elmer Montgomery hosted a visit by the Undersecretary of the Navy, The Honorable Robert J. Murray, along with three Congressmen, Mr. Eldon Rudd (R-AZ), Mr. Dan Daniel (D-CA), and Mr. Wayne Grisham (D-CA). The Undersecretary and Congressmen toured the ship to gain a first hand look at the electronic and weapon suites aboard a modern warship.

(U) In the beginning of April, Elmer Montgomery embarked HSL 36 Det 5 and conducted ASW operations at Andros Island, Bahamas. On 16 April, Elmer Montgomery achieved full NGFS qualification at the Vieques range in less than six hours. She was commended by range personnel for her professionalism and strict observance of safety standards.

(U) On 20 April, Elmer Montgomery hosted approximately 132 USO and Navy league guests on a transit from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico to witness an air show performance by the Navy's Blue Angels. The ship returned the guests to St. Thomas that evening, and conducted a missile shoot at the local oparea a day later, prior to sailing back to Mayport. The month of May was spent in an availability period. On 31 May the ship hosted a dependents cruise in the Jacksonville Operating Area for friends and families.

(U) During the period 5-16 June, Elmer Montgomery participated in fleet exercise COMPTUEX 4-80 designed to increase warfare training readiness in preparation for her upcoming deployment. From 16 June until 13 July, the ship conducted extensive pre overseas movement preparations.

(U) Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light Three Six Detachment Five embarked 11 July and the ship deployed 14 July in company with the USS Oliver Hazard Perry from Mayport. On 16 July Elmer Montgomery reported for duty to Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY, Captain D. F. Chandler, USN, who reported to Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group TWELVE, RADM T. R. Kinnebrew. Ships in company that transited to the Mediterranean included USS Detroit (AOR-4), USS Moosbrugger (DD-980), USS Lawrence (DDG-4), USS Josephus Daniels (CG-27), USS Oliver Hazard Perry (FFG-7), and USS Elmer Montgomery (FF-1082). On 24 July the Battle Group inchooped to the Mediterranean reporting for duty to Commander Task Force Sixty. Inchooping and outchooping units participated in Fleet Exercise Multiplex 4-80. After the exercise, turnover occurred at Cagliari, Sardinia. A brief port visit to Naples, Italy 01-04 August served to conclude inchoop briefings by CTF-60.

(U) After the Naples port visit, the battle group proceeded to join with CTF-60; while in transit, two Soviet warships were reported transiting the Straits of Gibraltar. Elmer Montgomery received orders tasking her to conduct Roadstand Operations surveilling the Soviet warships Leningrad (CVHG-107) and Ryanny (FFG-789). The Lamps SH-2F helo was instrumental in the detection and location of the Soviet units. The SH-2F provided superb aerial photographic coverage. Considerable interest remained with the Krivak class warship because of her recent introduction to the Soviet Naval inventory. Both ships displayed an impressive weapons and electronics suite. Leningrad attempted several communications via flashing light. Personal laundry was displayed on lifelines on deck and several volleyball games took place on Leningrad. Upon completion of Roadstand Operations, Elmer Montgomery proceeded to join Oliver Hazard Perry for a Gibraltar port visit. Elmer Montgomery remained in company with Oliver Hazard Perry during the Gibraltar port visit 12-18 August. Upon departure from Gibraltar, Elmer Montgomery came upon three young men in an eleven foot rowboat, which was adrift about 15 miles off the coast of Spain. Effecting a rescue at sea, Elmer Montgomery then sailed to Malaga, Spain to discharge the three young men who originally hailed from Cueta, Spain.

(U) Following the rescue, the ship proceeded to La Spezia, Italy for a port visit and a tender availability with the Sixth Fleet Flagship, USS Puget Sound (AD-39), 22 August to 01 September. The Oliver Hazard Perry (FFG-7) and Tunisian destroyer President Bourghiba were also present. While there, Commander Sixth Fleet, VADM William N. Small, USN, visited Elmer Montgomery and presided over an awards ceremony. After the availability, Elmer Montgomery proceeded to port visits at Taormina Sicily, and Tunis, Tunisia. At Tunis, Elmer Montgomery participated in local memorial services, laying a wreath at the tomb of Tunisia's national independence martyrs by the Commanding Officer. Another ceremony, presided over by ship's Chaplain Thomas Garrett, CHC, honored the American dead of WWII interred at the North Africa cemetery.

(C) Outfitted with a Radar Simulator System (RSS) prior to deployment, Elmer Montgomery was extensively utilized in fleet exercises National Week XXIX and Display Determination 80 for Over-The-Horizon-Targeting by Blue Forces. Conversely, with the use of Lamps SH-2F helo aircraft, Elmer Montgomery was able to achieve a credible number of OTH-T attacks on her opponents in fleet exercises. Prior to her port visit at Ibiza, Elmer Montgomery participated in Special Operations off the coast of Libya with the Josephus Daniels and John F. Kennedy.

(U) From 03-09 November, Elmer Montgomery represented the United States Navy at the Ninth International Sea Films Festival at Cartagena, Spain. The ship hosted several important social functions including a reception for over 250

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film festival attendees including critics, writers, producers, and performers. Elmer Montgomery also hosted special tour groups and general visiting. Commander Sixth Fleet and the United States Defense Attache Office, Madrid, Spain, commended the officers and crew of Elmer Montgomery for her professional attitude, impeccable appearance, and establishment of good will throughout the region to U. S. Forces. After Cartagena, Elmer Montgomery conducted local operations with the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy prior to a port visit at Palma Mallorca, Spain.

(U) At Palma, Elmer Montgomery hosted a visit by the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and several other senior ranking American and Spanish officers, including the Governor General of the Balearic Islands. Elmer Montgomery joined Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY at Rota, Spain for turnover to inchooping units 27 November. She outchopped and headed for home under COMDESRON TWENTY 30 November. Ships in company during the transit included the original Battle Group (CDS-20 embarked in Moosbrugger), and the USS Connolly (DD-979). Elmer Montgomery detached from COMDESRON TWENTY on 09 December, and transited to Mayport in company with Oliver Hazard Perry. She arrived in Mayport 11 December having debarked Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light Three Six Detachment Five. The remainder of the year was spent in a holiday leave and upkeep status, inport, Mayport, Florida.

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USS ELMER MONTGOMERY (FF-1082)
1 JANUARY 1981 - 31 DECEMBER 1981

1. Commanding Officer: Commander Thomas H. MILLER, USN
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2. Chronology of events for 1981.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01-11 JAN	Inport Mayport, FL: Leave and Upkeep
12-23 JAN	Underway: Local Operations, Services For USS FORRESTAL (CV-59) Jacksonville OPAREA
24JAN-1 MAR	Inport Mayport, FL: IMAV/Upkeep
02-04 MAR	Underway: ISE Jacksonville OPAREA
05-13 MAR	Inport Mayport, FL: Upkeep, NTPI
14-16 MAR	Enroute Puerto Rico OPAREA
17-19 MAR	NGFS Vieques Island, PR
20-21 MAR	Enroute Mayport, FL
22 MAR	ARR Mayport, FL
23 MAR-19 MAY	SRA, Upkeep Mayport, FL
19 MAY-01 JUN	Inport Mayport, FL
02-04 JUN	ISE Jacksonville OPAREA
05 JUN-06 JUL	Inport Mayport, FL
07-08 JUL	Underway Jacksonville OPAREA, OPPE, At Sea Trials
09-12 JUL	Inport Mayport, FL
13-14 JUL	ISE Jacksonville OPAREA
15-19 JUL	Inport Mayport, FL
20-30 JUL	Underway, Ocean Venture Phase II Workup VACAPES OPAREA

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
31 JUL	Condensate Pump casualties; towed to Norfolk, VA by USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD (DD-968)
31 JUL-03 AUG	Inport Norfolk, VA. SIMA Norfolk conducts condensate pump repairs
04-11 AUG	Underway; Ocean Venture Phase II, Carribbean Sea
12-24 AUG	Inport Mayport, Fl: Upkeep
24 AUG-18 SEP	IMAV-SIMA Mayport, Fl; Pre-deployment CSRR
19-27 SEP	Inport Mayport, Fl
28 SEP-29 OCT	POM Inport Mayport, Fl
30 OCT-08 NOV	Main Engine Casualty; deployment delayed; Inport Mayport, Fl
09 NOV	HSL-32 DET 1 Embarked
10 NOV	Inport Mayport, Fl
11-22 NOV	Underway transit; enroute Rota, Spain; conduct onboard POT&I
13 NOV	BSF Bermuda; join USS BARRY (DD 933)
18 NOV	BSF Azores
22 NOV	Underway, Transit Straits Of Gibralter
23-24 NOV	Transit MED
25-26 NOV	Transit Suez Canal
26-29 NOV	Transit Red Sea; conduct Operation BRIGHT STAR
29 NOV	RDVU USS PHARRIS (FF-1094); conduct at-sea turnover
30 NOV	Inport: Djibouti, conduct INCHOP briefs

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01-06 DEC	Enroute Persian Gulf
04 DEC	Transit Straits Of Hormuz
06-14 DEC	Patrol Radar Picket Station
15-18 DEC	Inport Mina Sulman, Bahrain
19-24 DEC	Underway; Patrol Radar Picket Station
24-25 DEC	At Anchor, Bahrain Bell
26-31 DEC	Inport Mina Sulman, Bahrain; mid-deployment upkeep

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NARRATIVE

(U) USS ELMER MONTGOMERY began calendar year 1981 continuing her leave and upkeep period from the Mediterranean deployment completed 11 December 1980, and remained in port Mayport, Florida through 11 January.

(U) Getting underway for local operations on 12 January, the MONTGOMERY proceeded to the Jacksonville operating area for independent steaming exercises, and also provided services for the aircraft carrier USS FORRESTAL (CV-59).

(U) Prior to returning to homeport on 23 January, MONTGOMERY's Flight Deck was used for deck landing qualifications by various units of Helicopter, Sea Commander Wing ONE based at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fl. on 22 and 23 January.

(C) MONTGOMERY then began an extensive period of intermediate maintenance availability (IMAV) and upkeep which covered the period of 24 January through 1 March. Major work accomplished during the IMAV/Upkeep period included the removal of the Rapid Blooming Outboard Chaff (RBOC) launchers and the WLR-1 Electronic Warfare Suite, which were replaced by Super RBOC launchers and the SLQ-32 Electronic Warfare Suite. The installation of the above equipments markedly improves MONTGOMERY's detection and defense capabilities.

(U) During the period of 2 and 3 March, MONTGOMERY conducted additional independent steaming exercises in the Jacksonville Operating Area. The Engineering department was given the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming Operational Propulsion Plant Examination, assisted by the Mobile Training Team (MTT). MONTGOMERY returned to homeport on 5 March to continue her upkeep period.

(U) The MONTGOMERY successfully completed a Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) conducted by Nuclear Weapons Training Group, Atlantic on 12 and 13 March, receiving a grade of "Outstanding". Months of planning and preparation were dedicated for this very demanding and difficult inspection.

(U) Upon completion of the NTPI, the MONTGOMERY proceeded enroute to the Puerto Rican Operating Area from 14 to 16 March including a brief stop for fuel (BSF) at Roosevelt Roads, PR followed by independent steaming exercises on 17 March. Naval Gunfire Support (NGFS) exercises were conducted on the 18th and 19th of March, and were successfully completed with an average score of 86.7%. This marked MONTGOMERY's third straight year of completing NGFS qualification with high scores. Upon completion of NGFS, MONTGOMERY proceeded to Mayport 20-22 March, for a one day upkeep period 23 March.

(C) Beginning 24 March, MONTGOMERY was assigned to Task Unit 40.3.2 while going through a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) inport Mayport through 19 May. Major work accomplished during the SRA included the Mini-Rac for the AN/SQS-26 Sonar from 13 to 28 April.

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(U) MONTGOMERY was again visited by the Mobile Training Team during the periods of 26-30 May, 1-5 June, and 8-12 June. From 20 May through 19 July, MONTGOMERY was assigned to Task Unit 27.6.2.

(U) Members of Reserve Detachment 8213, Detroit, MI. were on board MONTGOMERY for Active Duty for Training (ACDUTRA) from 15 to 29 June.

(U) The MTT visit continued through 2 July, after which MONTGOMERY was inport Mayport until 8 July when the at-sea portion of the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination was conducted and successfully completed. Of special note is the fact that the MONTGOMERY was the first Mayport based/DESRON TWELVE ship to pass OPPE in over a year.

(U) MONTGOMERY also participated in Ocean Venture 81 Phase 2 Workup from 20 - 31 July, as a part of Task Force 28 in the Virginia Capes Operating Area. While en-route to Norfolk, Va. on 31 July, MONTGOMERY suffered a casualty to her main condensate pumps, requiring repairs which could not be completed on board. MONTGOMERY was towed into Norfolk by the USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD (DD-968) on 31 July. Repairs were affected by Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA), Norfolk, Va. and MONTGOMERY was underway again on 4 August to participate in OCEAN VENTURE Phase 2 in the Caribbean as a unit of Task Force 40.

(U) MONTGOMERY returned to Mayport on 12 August, and remained inport in upkeep status through 27 September. During this period the MONTGOMERY was a part of Task Unit 27.6.2.

(U) The Supply Management Inspection (SMI) was conducted onboard during the period 24 - 16 August 1981. As a result of this inspection, the Supply Department received a grade of Outstanding. In addition, the Enlisted Dining Facility (EDF) was the DESRON TWELVE nominee for the NEY Award for excellence in Navy Food Service Management.

(U) Personnel of our Reserve component, Reserve Detachment 8213, were on board again for Weekend Training (WET) and Active Duty for Training (ACDUTRA) from 22 August to 5 September. An Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) was conducted with SIMA, Mayport from 24 August through 18 September, which included a pre-deployment Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR) from 8 to 18 September.

(U) From 28 September to 29 October MONTGOMERY entered her Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) period in preparation for her upcoming Middle East deployment. An extensive load-out of supplies and stores was conducted during this time frame.

(U) MONTGOMERY was originally scheduled to deploy on 30 October to the Middle East, however a casualty to the main engine delayed departure until 11 November. The USS VALDEZ (FF-1096), originally scheduled to deploy concurrently with the MONTGOMERY, suffered a similar but more serious casualty and was unable to deploy. For this reason Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Thirty-Two Detachment ONE (HSL-32 DET ONE) homebased in Norfolk, Va. which was to deploy in VALDEZ was embarked on MONTGOMERY 9 November.

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(C) Getting underway on 11 November as a part of Task Unit 20.4.3, MONTGOMERY transited first to Bermuda for a brief stop for fuel on 13 November. Here she joined up with the USS BARRY (DD 933) for the remainder of the transit to the Middle East. Additional brief stops for fuel were conducted in the Azores on 18 November and at Rota, Spain on the 21st. During the transit period to Rota, Spain a Pre-Overhaul Testing and Inspection (POT & I) visit was conducted with excellent results.

(C) In company with the USS BARRY, MONTGOMERY transited the Straits of Gibraltar and entered the Mediterranean Sea on 22 November enroute for an underway replenishment (UNREP) with the USS SEATTLE (AOE-3) in the Eastern Mediterranean 24 November.

(C) Entering Port Said, Egypt, on 25 November, both units transited the Suez Canal during the night of 25 November and on Thanksgiving Day, the 26th, arriving in Port Suez early that evening. After an unsuccessful attempt at refueling, both units proceeded through the Red Sea to join USS SAIPAN (LHA-2), USS BARNSTABLE COUNTY (LST-1195), and USS RALEIGH (LPD-1), Operation BRIGHT STAR units, to screen them during the transit of the Bab el Mandab Straits.

(U) Upon completion of the transit, BARRY and MONTGOMERY were detached, and proceeded to the vicinity of Djibouti where MONTGOMERY conducted a successful At-Sea turnover with USS PHARRIS (FF-1094) on the evening of 29 November.

(U) On the morning of 30 November, MONTGOMERY followed the BARRY into the Port of Djibouti to receive INCHOP briefings from Commander, Middle East Force Staff onboard the BARRY. Upon completion of the INCHOP briefings, MONTGOMERY then proceeded independently to the Persian Gulf, transiting the Straits of Hormuz on 4 December, conducting an UNREP with the USS CORONADO on 5 December, and arriving at the assigned Radar Picket Patrol Area on 6 December.

(U) Conducting various exercises with USS CONYNGHAM (DDG-17) and USS CONOLLY (DD-979) the MONTGOMERY remained on station until 14 December, where she proceeded to anchor-orage at Bahrain Bell prior to entering port.

(U) Arriving inport at Mina Sulman, Bahrain on 15 December, the crew received their first liberty in 34 days. After remaining inport through 18 December, MONTGOMERY proceeded back to the Radar Picket Patrol Area on 19 December. MONTGOMERY assisted, by Electronic support Measures (ESM), in the detecting of many aircraft and surface units, and continued on routine operations in company with USS CORONADO and USS CONNOLLY until 24 December. MONTGOMERY then anchored in the vicinity of Bahrain Bell in preparation of observance of Christmas. A Christmas Eve Service was conducted by LT (b) (6), the ship's Chaplain, on the Fantail for all interested personnel, and we were favored by a visit from Saint Nickolas. After a Christmas Day of holiday routine at anchor, MONTGOMERY pulled into Bahrain on 26 December for a Mid-deployment upkeep period with the USS CORONADO which lasted through the remainder of the calendar year.

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